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Weakness or the
Absence of Passions.

We have now finished the diseases,
or morbid Actions of the passions. But
we have not yet done with them.
There is sometimes a deficiency of
force, or a total suspension of their
Operations. Persons who are thus
affected, ^{they are insensible to fear and grief.} hate, and love no one. They
have no Attachments or Resentments,
and are alike Strangers to Pleasure &
pain. I know a Gentleman in this
city, who is remarkable for his
strong Attach & ardent Affection for
his wife & Children when his mind
is in a sound state, but when afflicted

with the hissing sound, the
this affection is entirely, the
but the one that he had
out of his chair to come down from
being startled before his eyes. When
the voice a similar picture of the
looking in the window from within
given to him by the door. The effect of
it are rapidly observed in the falling
hair.
"The one a blazing heart full of
passion.
"Or a cold heart, governing his life
away.
"Or a heart full of opposition by his
will, full of life at his feet, or
enough to

with the disorder I am ^{now} describing, loses
this Affection so entirely, that he
once told me ~~that~~ he would not move
out of his Chair to save them from
being butchered before his eyes. Homer
describes a similar variation of the
passions in Telemachus from a medicine
given to him by Helen. The effects of
it are happily described in the following
lines.

- " Tho' on a blazing hearth pile his
parent lay.
- " Or a loud Brother, groan'd his life
away.
- " Or darling Son, oppress'd by Russian
force,
- " fell breathless, at his feet, a
mangled Corpse.

"From man, to ~~see~~ one in -
-passioned, & serene,

"The man entranced, would view
the ^{terrible} death scene: -
... *Odyssey Book IV. v. 315.*

The remedies for this torpid state of
the passions should be suited to the
state of the system. Tonics, particu-
-larly the Cold Bath, & exercise sh^d.
be prescribed. Perhaps pain would
be useful. A salivation has cured
it. In the year 1798 I was consulted ^{by}
Dr Shippin in the case of a lady in
Virginia who had borne a child in a
state of derangement. She discovered no
affection ^{for this child} - refused to give it suck, &
finally desired it to be her own. We

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely from the 18th or 19th century. The text is written on aged, yellowed paper with some dark spots and stains.]

[Partial view of the adjacent page on the right, showing faint handwriting and a metal fastener or clip.]

prescribed a salivation for her. The
Remedy succeeded, for no sooner did the
mercury touch her mouth, than
her natural affection ~~to~~ Dr Ba-
son her child, ~~and informed us in a letter, dated~~
~~instantly~~ ~~renewed~~ was instantly ex-
-cited, and continued ever afterwards.
This information was communicated
to us in a letter dated April 20. 1798
from Dr Barand ^{then a} physician in
Williamsburgh.

Here quit. I finish the history
of the diseases of the mind. I feel as if
I had been ^{sailing} ~~afloat~~ in a balloon ^{without a pilot} for
~~several~~ ^{some} days. Whether I have descended to
the earth with ~~all my limbs & clear~~
~~head, and sound limbs~~ ^{my head, and limbs in a sound}
^{or not} ~~shattered state~~, I must leave

upon it
our present, and future inquiries,
be crowned with success, they will extend
the empire of our science to ~~an~~ ^{the}
~~extent equal that will render it a~~

diminution or destruction of the greatest
evils that have ever afflicted the human
race, for we shall have not only ^{to cure} the
diseases of the mind, but we shall ^{be} greatly
assisted in curing the diseases of the body.
- There is no disease which threatens life
in which the mind is passive. By cultivating
a knowledge of the ^{its} ~~principles~~ ^{faculties} of action

to your determinations. Should you
find ^{them in the latter situation} ~~the former~~ impaired, & the latter
broken, ascribe it to my having ven-
-tured into a region where no pilot
nor compass ~~could~~ could be found
to direct, or regulate my course. The
Subject is ~~in part new~~ The Subject is
a new one, ^{& difficult one, but highly} ~~most of the observations I~~ ^{facts}
important to a physician. Should I
~~have delivered to you all the result of~~
~~my own observations. When they are~~ ^{I have promised}
when they are rendered more extensive,
and ^{less imperfect} ~~more correct~~, they shall, agreeably
to a former promise, be communi-
-cated to the public from the press.

I have only to add, that no part
of ^{the} ~~my~~ theory of the diseases of the mind
which I have delivered, ^{or of their remedies,} makes it ne-
-cessary to ~~renew~~ ^{renew} the ancient doctrine

^{the mind}
~~of the~~ ^{of the} ~~mind~~ ^{of the} operations, ~~of~~ we may
Derive ~~from~~ ^{of the} powerful Direct Them
in such a manner as to Derive great Aid
from them in the Use of all our medicines.

✓ death into the world of Spirits,
and a state of happiness or misery.
The interval of time to the perception
of the ~~home~~ mind will be exactly
the same, whether this be the
case, or whether we awake after
a sleep of a thousand, or six thou-
-sand years. That time, in our
consciousness of it, will be —
— but a single moment.

Before I take leave of the Subject
of the ~~now~~ Diseases of the mind, permit
me to recommend the study of its faculties,

of the immateriality of the mind. I have
contended only for the dependance of the
mind for all its operations upon impres-
sions made upon the body & senses, or in
other words upon emotion in ^{the} brain.
This Opinion does not contradict the
idea of the mind possessing independant
powers of thought & action when separ-
-ted from the body. Whether this be the
case, or not, is not for me to decide,
nor ~~have I ever felt~~ ^{do I feel} any inquietude
upon this subject. The principles of
Christianity are no ways affected by
either of ~~those~~ ^{these} ~~the two~~ opinions. ~~held by men.~~
The comfortable doctrine of the resur-
-rection, and a future state, ~~are~~ ^{is} alike
true, whether we go to sleep in the
grave, or enter immediately ~~into~~ ^{after}

opinions & diseases to your investigation.
The mind of ^{man} ~~beings~~ is ~~the most exalted work~~ a master piece of
~~of the supreme Being~~ ~~as~~ ^{is} divine power
and wisdom. Its destiny is - eternal - ~~the~~

It shall survive the ruins of Crowns, Thrones,
and Globes and Worlds - We may therefore
with reverence say ^{of them} ~~to it~~ what an inspired
writer says to the dirty - After coarctation -
-plating the heavens & the earth: "They
shall perish - but thou shalt endure -
~~yes~~ They shall wax old like a garment -
As a Vesture shalt thou change them,
& they shall be changed - but ^{thou} ~~they~~
years ~~shall~~ art the same, & thy years
shall have no end."]